P R O C L A M A T I O N

THOMAS ALVA EDISON WEEK

June 4 - June 11 , 1961

WHEREAS Thomas Alva Edison, whose incandescent genius has enriched life for every American and the entire world, is being formally installed in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University on June 4,1961;

WHEREAS Thomas Alva Edison created the first practical incandescent lamp and the system of production and distribution of electric power that undergird the complex industrial civilization we know today;

WHEREAS Thomas Alva Edison made an enduring contribution to future generations when he founded the first industrial research laboratory and thereby created the cradle of American industry;

WHEREAS Thomas Alva Edison, through his inventions, contributed richly to the well-being of mankind in building the peaceful arts and sciences, and strengthened our country's capacity to defend itself in an everchanging world;

WHEREAS Thomas Alva Edison perfected the telephone, created the first phonograph and motion picture film camera, discovered and made the first use of the vacuum tube that is the basis of the electronics industry, achieved the magnetic separation of iron ore, began pre-fabricated housing, and in a thousand ways lightened the burden of heavy labor;

WHEREAS Thomas Alva Edison's manifold achievements offer today's youth an inspiring model of what one person's effort can accomplish in a lifetime of incessant and useful work;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, Archie Gubbrud, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 4 through June 11, 1961, as Thomas Alva Edison Week, which shall be dedicated to gaining greater understanding of his life and works among citizens of all ages, with special emphasis on our young people whose future careers can better serve this nation and their individual well-being through knowledge of this great man's example.

Dated at Pierre this 22 day of May, 1961.

Archie Gubbrud
Governor, South Dakota

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

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